(b) what is the totalturn over of the Pondicherry Industrial Development and Investment Corporation commencing between the period 1980—85;

(c) how many small scale and medium scale industries have been closed during the above period after availing loan facility from PIPDIC;

(d) whether the PIPDIC has recovered the loan amount from these industries and what is the amount outstanding at present; and

(e) whether any action has been taken against the officials concerned for corruption and favouritism in sanctioning the loans.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As on the 30th June 1985, Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) sanctioned total financial assistance of Rs. 9.70 crores to 9 industrial projects in the medium/large scale sectors, in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. As at the end of December, 1984, total advances (provisional) of scheduled commercial banks to SSI units in the Union Territory of Pondicherry amounted ot Rs. 823.40 lakhs against 2173 accounts.

(b) to (e) Since inception in 1974-75 till 1984-85, Pondicherry Industrial Promotion Development and Investment Corporation (PIPDIC) has advanced loans to 20 medium scale industries and 1235 small scale industries including transport, artisan, cottage and village industries, etc. The total turnover of PIPDIC in terms of disbursements of term loans from the year 1980-81 to 1984-85 is as follows:—

Year	Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakhs)
1980-81	120.71
1981-82	153.84
1982-83	350.76
1983-84	415.25
1984-85	638.52

One medium scale unit and 97 small scale units including rural artisan and cottage industry units have been closed during the period 1980-85. Till the end of March, 1985, PIPDIC has recovered Rs. 587.11 lakhs and its total outstandings as at the end of March, 1985 stood at PIPDIC, loans are sanctioned according to established norms and procedures and no case of corruption or favouritism has been detected.

Availability of lignite deposits at Ponneri near Tirruch

2941. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tht in the recent past the Geological Survey of India has conducted some exploratory work to find out availability of lignite deposits of Ponneri near Tiruchi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Geological Survey of India is presently carrying out regional exploration for lignite in Ponneri area near Jayamkondan-Chelapuram area in Tiruchirapally. The work is still in preliminary stage and for the field season 1985-86, GSI has a proposal for drilling of two boreholes in the area.

Occupancy rate of Hotels Run by ITDC

2942. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Five Star, Four Star, Three Star or lower type of accommodation in the hotels run by the India Tourism Development Corporation at present, category-wise; and

(b) what is average occupancy rate, category-wise?